

trial of New-Jersey and Lackawanna and Blooming railroads has ceased on account of washouts. Much damage will be done in this city by the rise in the Lackawanna River and Roaring Brook.

## SCHUYLKILL OUT OF BANKS.

**GREAT DAMAGE IN PHILADELPHIA AND TOWNS ALONG THE RIVER.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—Heavy rains and melted ice and snow in the last week have resulted in the Schuylkill River going out of its banks and causing the greatest flood in that river since 1894. From its source in the lower anthracite coal regions to this city, where it empties into the Delaware River, a distance of 120 miles, damage has been done that cannot at this time be estimated. Swollen creeks have added to the flood, and to-night the river is still rising.

Beginning with Pottsville, the largest town at the upper end of the Schuylkill, every town on its banks to this city reports more or less damage. In and about Pottsville approximately fifty coal mines have been flooded, which will compel their closing down for days to come. At Reading, Phoenixville, Pottsville, Spring City, Norristown and smaller places the water has risen to the first floors of houses. In Pottsville the water rose to three feet in the main street, weakening foundations of houses and causing their occupants to depart in rowboats. The iron works at Pottsville are flooded, and workmen were unable to return to their homes to-night. From Norristown and Manayunk, suburbs of this city, the river flowed over into the canal which runs along its banks and made one great rushing stream of the two. The water came up to the second story in the cotton and paper mills at Manayunk.

In this city the Schuylkill is out of its banks on both sides. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was compelled to abandon its main station in the city and send its trains from a suburban station, and its through trains to and from New-York over a circuitous route.

Traffic on the Schuylkill Valley division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the main line of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company to Reading and Pottsville and intermediate points between those towns and this city has been abandoned. Telegraphic and telephone communication, which had just been restored to the Schuylkill Valley, is again interrupted to-night.

At midnight the Philadelphia City Water Bureau reported that eight feet eleven inches of water is going over the Fairmount Waterworks dam, which is twenty-one inches more than last night. There are no dams between the Fairmount and the city. The water has risen to the level of the Fairmount dam, and it is feared that the next high tide may do more damage along the lower end of the river.

## CLOUDBURST AT READING.

**GREAT DAMAGE REPORTED ALONG THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER.**

Reading, Penn., Feb. 28.—Shortly before noon today, after a rain which began early this morning, Reading was visited by a cloudburst which did great damage. A sixteen foot flood is now rising in the Schuylkill River. Water has risen to the level of the Fairmount dam, and it is feared that the next high tide may do more damage along the lower end of the river.

## JOHNSTOWN TAKING TO THE HILLS.

**PEOPLE RUSHING TO HIGH GROUND TO ESCAPE RISING WATERS.**

Johnstown, Penn., Feb. 28.—The high water is playing havoc here. The two rivers, the Little Conemaugh and the Stony Creek, which are in confluence at the Great Stone bridge, here are also bank full, and are still rising. Business has practically been suspended. The great Cambria mills are completely paralyzed and 15,000 men are idle. The great ice gorge at Hooversville, above Johnstown, in the Conemaugh, broke in two, and is tearing down the stream. To-night the river continues to rise, and many of the streets in the business and residence sections of the city are flooded from one to four feet deep.

At 5:30 o'clock the rivers are still rising, and the remarkable scene of hundreds of families rushing to the hills is now going on.

## HARRISBURG THREATENED.

Harrisburg, Penn., Feb. 28.—A serious flood again threatens Harrisburg. The river is now rising at the rate of one and one-half inches an hour. It now stands at ten feet ten inches, which is higher than at any time this week. A number of washouts have been reported along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Harrisburg and Pottsville, and along the Pittsburgh division. Owing to the high water in the Cumberland Valley, along the Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pottsville Railroad, all trains on that road were stopped to-day, and it is likely that traffic on this line will be closed for several days.

## NIGHT OF TERROR IN CONNELLSVILLE.

Connellsville, Penn., Feb. 28.—The highest stage of water known in several years has made the town a scene of terror to-night. At 8 o'clock the water was at a flood stage and was rising at the rate of a foot an hour. The men are now toiling to save stock from the valuable lumber yards, and people are fleeing to the hills in darkness, and the rising river makes it a night of terror.

## RUIN SPREAD IN CLEVELAND.

**WIND REACHES VELOCITY OF EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR—CHURCH UNROOFED.**

Cleveland, Feb. 28.—One of the most violent gales experienced in years prevailed throughout Northern Ohio early to-day. At the local Weather Bureau the wind, which was from the southeast, registered a velocity of from sixty-four to eighty miles an hour. Telephone and telegraph poles and wires were prostrated in many places, with the result that the service is seriously affected.

Scores of plate glass windows and skylights in the downtown district were demolished, while many signs, chimneys and trees were torn down. A portion of the roof of the Miles Park Methodist Church was carried away. The building to the Briton Timpale Mill, in Coit-ave, was completely demolished. No one was in the building when it fell.

## BLIZZARD IN THE NORTHWEST.

Minneapolis, Feb. 28.—Dispatches from Minnesota and the Dakotas tell of one of the

hardest snowstorms of the winter. At Pierre, S. D., the snow is drifting badly and traffic is impeded. North Dakota has a blizzard, the rain having turned to snow, which is driven by high wind. The snow comes just in time to prevent the immediate breaking up of logging operations around Hight at 9 o'clock, and made part of them on a submerged track. All telegraph and telephone wires are down. Eastern mails may be sent through Atlanta or Cincinnati. The Tennessee River here is 21.5 feet above low water at 1 o'clock to-day and still rising at the rate of thirteen inches an hour.

## THE SOUTH STORMSWEEP.

**DEATH AND RUIN IN PATH OF HIGH WIND AND RAIN.**

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—The storm which began last night is causing serious damage to railroads in this section. A freight train was wrecked to-day near Redford, Va., on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in which a brakeman was killed. Near Marion, Va., the same road suffered a washout, which has delayed all traffic. People of Elizabethton fled from the town last night, and had the water risen two feet more the town would have been completely submerged. All electric industries are closed.

The Southern Railway is unable to run trains beyond White Pine, Tenn., on the Asheville-Knoxville line. The last train from Asheville arrived here last night, and the road is closed. The Southern Railway is unable to run trains beyond White Pine, Tenn., on the Asheville-Knoxville line. The last train from Asheville arrived here last night, and the road is closed.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—The storm which swept over the southeastern Gulf States yesterday and last night has apparently passed north and out to sea. The heavy rains have raised the water to flood height in the Chattahoochee, Alabama, Ocmulgee and Savannah rivers, and much damage is reported in Georgia and Alabama. Four lives were lost as a result of a wreck caused by the washout near Zetella, Ga. Numerous freight wrecks occurred from the same cause. The Chattahoochee is higher to-day than in twenty years. The early warning sent out by the Weather Bureau gave the people at West Point ample time to move their stores of goods and cotton to places of safety.

Six washouts are reported on the Southern Railway between Williamson and Columbus. The road is closed between the two cities. It is reported that the Oak Mountain tunnel, thirty miles this side of Columbus, has caved in at both ends.

A negro woman was killed, another fatally injured, and several negro men were badly hurt by a cyclone which passed over Dawson, Ga., late last night. Henry's roller mills, the Barnett Mills and Kinard's mill were washed away near Jackson, Ga., by the flood.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 28.—The heavy rains of the last few days have caused numerous washouts. Practically no trains have entered Montgomery from the south or east in twenty-four hours. The Louisville and Nashville tracks are under water at Evergreen, Ala., and two trains are tied up at different points on the road. There have been no trains over the Southern Air Line since yesterday morning. The Plant System has had no trains since yesterday, and wires are down in many directions.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 28.—All railway traffic in the mountains is paralyzed as a result of last night's storm. The French Broad River is the highest ever known, and all manufacturing plants on the banks have been forced to close. A large number of houses on the low lands along the river were cut off by the water last night, and the occupants were taken out by the river. The water rose over a thirteen foot wall at Marshall, N. C., and flooded the town.

## FOUR VICTIMS OF THE STORM.

Griffin, Ga., Feb. 28.—A southbound passenger train on the Columbus branch of the Southern Railroad went through a trestle into a creek near Zetella, Ga., at midnight. The engineer, baggage master, and two other men were killed. Several passengers were injured, but none fatally. The train was derailed by the high water. The train was running cautiously, and was not making over eight miles an hour.

## FLORIDA'S CAPITOL DAMAGED.

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 28.—The entire south wall of the new south wing of the State Capitol, at Tallahassee, was leveled to the ground last night by a furious gale. The damage to the steamer Winifred, of New-York, which struck a wharf yesterday afternoon, is much greater than first reported.

## THE FLOOD IN WESTERN MARYLAND.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 28.—A heavy rainstorm this morning and the thawing of ice have caused the creeks to overflow, and the whole George's Creek Valley is flooded. Three iron bridges on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad were washed out. The George's Creek and Cumberland, the Pennsylvania and the West Virginia Central tracks along Williams Creek, in Cumberland, are under five feet of water.

## STRIKERS WILL SEEK ARBITRATION.

**LINEMEN SAY STORM AIDS THEM—TELEPHONE COMPANY DECLARES IT.**

The striking linemen of the New-York Telephone Company and the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company held a meeting yesterday in Military Hall, No. 13 Bowery, where they were reinforced by twenty-seven inspectors from Brooklyn. The strike committee reported that the twenty-seven inspectors had been asked by the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company to take the places of striking linemen, but they refused and were discharged.

Local No. 29 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, to which the strikers belong, decided yesterday not to extend the strike until the arrival of General President W. A. Jackson of the International Brotherhood, who is expected here from Washington. Jackson was asked to inform the union that he will be here on Monday and will try to have the strike arbitrated. The officers of the union, however, declined to accept the present terms, the strike did not stop, in spite of the fact that the rain froze as it fell they said the road would be closed for several days.

The strikers laughed at the idea of the companies being unhampered by the strike. They said that the present storm had already created great havoc among the wires.

## LEGIONS OF GREENWICH, CONN.

A number of very interesting traditions that have been handed down from Revolutionary times. "Massacre of Seven Hundred Indians Near Greenwich Point." "The Legend of the Hidden Gold." "The Legend of the Old Church with a Love Story." in tomorrow's TRIBUNE.

## DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

WEALTHY MAN KILLS WIFE AND ADMIRER, THEN SHOTS HIMSELF.

Elgin, Ill., Feb. 28.—Benjamin F. Ellsworth, an influential man of Western Illinois, and owner of five machine shops, to-day shot and killed Ann Anderson, Mrs. Ellsworth and himself. Ellsworth was jealous of Anderson's attentions to Mrs. Ellsworth. Ellsworth's nineteen-year-old son had been held by the police, charged with being in league with his father to kill Anderson.

## CORNELL STUDENTS FIGHT.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The heavy downpour of rain that visited this city all day was not sufficient to keep sophomores and freshmen off the streets. They fought all day, the freshmen trying to evade their pursuers and reach their dining hall and the sophomores making every effort to effect an entrance. Frequent rushes, rough and tumble fights and fistful encounters resulted.

Half a dozen sophomores were arrested. The height of excitement was reached at noon, when the sophomores made an effort to take O. P. Ward, of Pittsburgh, a freshman football player, into custody. After being bound hand and foot he escaped with the assistance of two or three classmates. The freshmen held their dinner.

## SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Albany, Feb. 28.—Governor Odell has signed the following bills:

Assemblyman Merritt's—Prohibiting the use of traps, lights and other devices in the taking of wild deer.

Senator Feeter's—Authorizing Frankfort, Herkimer County, to expend \$500 for street improvement.

Assemblyman Walworth's—Relative to the acquiring of land by rural cemetery associations.

## A FLOOD NEAR WATKINS.

Watkins, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Montour Falls is suffering from the worst flood in its history. More than half of the village is under water. Bridges are gone and buildings are washed from their foundations. Hundreds of families have been driven into the upper stories, and boats are used to navigate the streets. Railroad traffic is suspended.

## ALBANY TRACKS BLOCKED.

Albany, Feb. 28.—Passenger traffic between Albany and Troy was prevented for several hours to-night by the heavy rainstorm, which tied up the steam and trolley roads by washing them, gravel on the tracks, completely blocking them.

## HEAVY RAIN AT SARATOGA.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 28.—A heavy rain is falling to-night through the lower Adirondacks, and freshets are feared inside of the next twenty-four hours.

## HOOSICK RIVER RISING.

Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Hoosick River reached highwater mark in several places this afternoon, and streams into the Hoosick Valley generally are at high mark. At 5 o'clock to-day the lower portions of Lyman and Water sts. were inundated, as well as the Haynes bldg. The power house and buildings of the Hoosick Falls Water Supply Company are surrounded by water.

## SLIGHT DAMAGE IN CONNECTICUT.

New-Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—The electrical storm and heavy downpour of rain which struck Connecticut this afternoon spent itself in the early evening. Although several small washouts are reported on the railroad divisions, no serious damage has been done.

In Bristol the Pequabuck River began to rise about 5 o'clock this evening, and has been rising at the rate of eight inches an hour since that time. In this city the water on the central green is several feet deep. At 10 o'clock the water was 21.5 feet above low water, and a general alarm was created, but with the turn of the tide the danger has passed.

## WASHOUTS STOP TRAINS.

**THE DELAWARE OVERFLOWS—TOWNS FLOODED—FAMILIES RESCUED BY BOAT.**

Belvidere, N. J., Feb. 28.—The Delaware River and Pequabuck Creek overflowed their banks this afternoon. Pequabuck Creek flooded the village on the north side, and the big river is flowing along West-st. The silk mills are flooded, and so is the electric light works, and the city is in darkness to-night. Several families have been rescued by boat. The water is rising to the upper stories of their houses when the river rose, but the flood is so high and the water is running so swiftly that there is danger of the houses collapsing.

No trains are running on the Lehigh and Hudson or the Pennsylvania roads because of washouts. There are several washouts on the latter road just below the Belvidere depot.

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 28.—The heavy rain this afternoon, which has been continuing since yesterday, is causing a flood in both the South Branch of the Raritan and the Delaware rivers. The rivers were already almost bank high as a result of the previous rains and the melting of the snow on the hills. The ground is frozen hard and none of the water is absorbed by the soil. When the rain comes this afternoon the banks could no longer hold the volume of water. Many farms along its course are under water and a dozen small country bridges have been washed away.

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## TRIP BY KICKS FORTILLMAN.

**JOHN S. WISE WOULD BUILD A SPECIAL BOAT.**

So he tells XXVIIIth District Republican Diners—Enthusiastic Gathering with Prominent Speakers.

The fire of old fashioned patriotic militant Republicanism blazed brightly in the XXVIIIth District last night. The changes were rung on nation, State and municipal Republican policy before seven hundred and eighty Republicans in the handsome gymnasium of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. It was the annual dinner of the populous and powerful "Silk Stocking" district, of which James W. Perry is leader.

Republican district leaders and Republican officials from all over the city and State were present.

President Roosevelt, Governor Odell and Senators Platt and Dewey sent letters full of hearty goodwill.

Mayor Low made an unusually felicitous speech.

John S. Wise paid his respects to Tillman, of South Carolina, in a manner that will catch the eye of the pitfork legislator, while Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, Job E. Hedges, Abraham Gruber, William D. Murphy, Senator Elsborg and Assemblyman Gherardi Davis lent wit and wisdom to the speaking programme.

The gallery, running back of and surrounding the entire gymnasium, was decorated with palms and ferns and illumined with thousands of electric lights. The night was a brilliant one.

Reveries of women in evening gowns arrived at 9 o'clock, when the speaking began, and added much to the attractiveness of the scene.

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Otto T. Bannard was toastmaster. When he read President Roosevelt's note of regret and good wishes the diners drank the health of the Chief Executive, and followed it with cheers and the singing of the national hymn. The letter was as follows:

White House, Washington, February 17, 1902. My Dear Mr. Backus: I thank you for your letter in sending me the very kind invitation of the XXVIIIth District Republican Club to attend its fourth annual dinner on February 28.

Please say for me to the members of the club that I am very glad to hear that they are paying me in so cordially inviting me to be with them on this occasion and how greatly I regret that I cannot be present. I am, however, very glad to hear that you are doing so well, and I am sure that you will be able to express to those at the dinner my best wishes. Very sincerely yours,

J. BAYARD BACKUS, Chairman, etc., No. 129 Broadway, New-York.

Equal enthusiasm greeted the reading of the messages sent by Governor Odell and Senators Platt and Dewey.

## THE MAYOR SPEAKS.

Mayor Low picked his way through the crowd while the national air was being sung, and was quickly introduced amid renewed applause. His remarks followed:

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## TILLMAN KEEPS AT IT.

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This resolution the order adjudging them in contempt of the Senate shall be no longer in force and effect.

TILLMAN THE GREATER OFFENDER

Mr. Burrows then presented the report of the majority of the committee. The report contained the history of the altercation, and quoted the language used by the offenders. All agreed to this statement. The report then continued as follows:

That the conduct of the two Senators was an infringement of the privileges of the Senate, a violation of its rules and derogatory to its high character, and that the Senate should take public action thereon.

The Senate by a unanimous vote has already placed on record its condemnation of the Senators by declaring both guilty of contempt.

The majority of the committee are of opinion that the Senate should take public action thereon.

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